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Application Serial No. 09/978,544	)	Confirmation No. 5195
Filed: October 16, 2001	)	Attorney's Docket No. 39780-2630 P1C13
For: <b>SECRETED AND TRANSMEMBRANE</b>	)	Customer No. 35489
<b>POLYPEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC ACIDS</b>	)	
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on October 26, 2005 (Paper No./Mail Date 20051024), in connection with the above-identified patent application, please consider the following arguments. This response is timely filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 within the two month date set for the response, thereby requiring issuance of an advisory action.

**Currently Pending Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.